

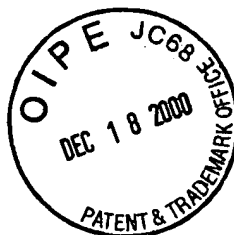


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/615,777	07/13/2000	Hideaki Sato	32405WK034

Smith Gambrell & Russell LLP
Suite 800
1850 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20036



FORMALITIES LETTER



OC000000005478990

Date Mailed: 10/17/2000

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$366.
 - \$54 for 3 total claims over 20.
 - \$312 for 4 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1186.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

Customer Service Center
Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

12/20/2000 SDU016 00000116 09615777
02 FC:101 710.00
03 FC:105 130.00
04 FC:103 54.00
05 FC:102 320.00

10/17/00

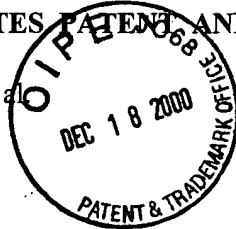
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Hideaki SATOH, et al

Serial No. : 09/615,777

Filed : July 13, 2000

For : Multiplex Communication Method, The Device and The System Thereof



RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response the Notice to File Missing Parts... mailed October 17, 2000 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants attach the following:

1) Check for \$1,254.00 in payment of the following fees:

- \$710 - application filing fee
- \$130 - Declaration surcharge
- \$320 - four additional independent claims, over 3
- \$ 54 - three additional total claims, over 20
- \$ 40 - Assignment recordation fee

2) signed Declaration and Power of Attorney and

3) copy of Notice to File Missing Parts...

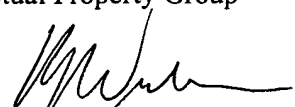
Also attached are a (1) signed Assignment with a Recordation Cover Sheet and (2) a Claim for Priority with a certified copy of Japanese application 2000-033980.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees relevant to this filing to Deposit Account 02-4300.

Respectfully submitted,

SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP
Beveridge, DeGrandi, Weilacher & Young
Intellectual Property Group

By:


Robert G. Weilacher, Reg. No. 20,531
1850 M Street, NW - Suite 800
Washington, DC 20036
Tel : 202/659-2811 - Fax : 202/263-4329

December 18, 2000